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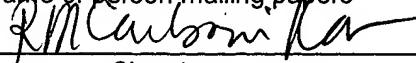
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An assignment of the invention to HITACHI, LTD.  is enclosed  will follow.

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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Application data sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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